The number of persons belonging to SC|ST|Women|Children are as under:—

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|---|---|---|
| Scheduled Castes | : | 2,715 |
| Scheduled Tribes | : | 1,307 |
| Backward Classes | : | 3,114 |
| Women | : | 2,452 |
| Children | : | 164 |

(c) According to the Model Scheme, any citizen whose annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 6,000|- upto High Court and Rs. 9,000|- for Supreme Court cases, is entitled for free legal aid. This limitation as to income is, however, not applicable in case of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women, Children, Vimukta Jatis and nomadic tribes.

(d) and (e) There is a proposal to enhance the income limit to Rs. 9,000/- per annum of the case is before a court other than Supreme Court and less than Rs. 12,000|- of such other amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government if the case is before the Supreme Court.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (d) & (e) of the Question.

**Practice by retired judges**

1828. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the retired Chief Justice and Judges of various High Courts practicing in the Supreme Court of India;

((b) the details of the retired Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts working as Senior Advocates for various states;

(c) whether there is any proposal to ban retired Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts practicing in Supreme Court and being nominated in the panel of SeniorA dvocates;n

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if oot, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government have no information.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no constitutional bar on retired Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts from practicing in the Supreme Court.

**Setting up of High Court Benches**

1829. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1039 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up High Court benchss in some states of the country; and

(b) if so, the name of such state and the location of the proposed benches?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAY BHASKAR REDDY): (a) and (b) The Government of India have decided to set up Benches of Gauhati High Court in the Capitals of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, after necessary infrastructural facilities have been provided by the concerned State Governments.

**Study of Companies Law Department**

1830. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of companies that come under (a) Joint Stock Public Limited Companies as on 31st March, 1992;